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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN BUCHAREST

AUGUST 2

1. THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN BUCHAREST IS SCHEDULED FOR ABOUT 7:30 P.M. SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, FOLLOWING THE HEAD-TO-HEAD TALKS. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS INTENDED AS BACKGROUND.

2. THE "AMERICAN COMMUNITY" GROUP WHICH WE HAVE IN MIND INCLUDES BOTH AMERICAN AND ROMANIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE EMBASSY, FAMILIES OF AMERICAN EMBASSY EMPLOYEES, AND THOSE AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN, EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO LIVE IN ROMANIA. WE ARE INCLUDING ROMANIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE EMBASSY IN VIEW OF THEIR HARD WORK IN FURTHERING U.S.-ROMANIAN RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY DURING THIS VISIT (MOST WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND AIRPORT CEREMONIES BECAUSE OF COMMITMENTS FOR VISIT). THE NUMBER OF RESIDENT BUSINESSMEN AND EXCHANGES WILL BE SOMEWHAT LOWER THAN NORMAL DUE TO VACATIONS, BUT SEVERAL FAMILIES WITH CONTROL DATA, MANUFACTURERS HANOVER TRUST, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF ONE OR TWO OTHER FIRMS WILL BE ON HAND. PERHAPS 20 TECHNICAL

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ASSISTANCE PEOPLE WHO ARE INSTALLING US TIRE-MANUFACTURING

EQUIPMENT SOLD THROUGH GENERAL TIRE WILL BE ON HAND. ALTHOUGH THEIR NUMBERS ARE SMALL, US BUSINESSMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES REPRESENT CONCRETE RESULTS OF IMPROVING BILATERAL COMMERCIAL RELATIONS AND ARE PIONEERS OF THE KIND OF COOPERATIVE ECONOMIC RELATIONS WE HOPE TO DEVELOP IN THE FUTURE, ESPECIALLY FOLLOWING THE APPROVAL OF THE USAROMANIAN TRADE AGREEMENT. THEY AND THE HANDFUL OF SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS STILL IN TOWN KNOW BEST JUST HOW MUCH WORK IT TAKES FOR PEOPLE TO COOPERATE EFFECTIVELY BETWEEN TWO SOCIETIES AS DIFFERENT AS US AND ROMANIA. PRESIDENT WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, IF HE WISHES, TO SAY A FEW REMARKS TO THE GROUP, WHICH WILL BE GATHERED IN AMBASSADOR'S GARDEN, OR SIMPLY TO MINGLE. ABOUT 150 PEOPLE EXPECTED.
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